

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14, 23 - 40, 51, 52 and 57 - 60 are currently pending, claims 15 - 22 having been earlier withdrawn and claims 41 - 50 and 53 - 56 having earlier been canceled. In the present amendment, Applicant cancels claims 11, 52 and 57 - 60 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amends claims 1, 2, 4, 7 - 10, 12 - 14, 23, 28, 29 and 35. No new matter is added. Support for these claims may be found in the specification, for example, at page 9, line 25 through page 13, line 29 and page 19, line 13 through page 24, line 18.

A final Office Action was mailed on May 13, 2005. Claims 1 - 13, 29 - 40, 51, 52 and 57 - 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,039,688 to Douglas et al. in view of U.S. Patent no. 5,880,731 to Liles et al. Claims 14 and 23 - 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Douglas in view of Liles and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0088461 to Christensen. Claims 28 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Douglas in view of Liles and U.S. Patent No. 6,658,457 to Rice et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

In amended independent claim 1, Applicant discloses:

1. A method for funding an interactive network site hosted on a server , comprising the steps of:

providing a question and answer forum on the network site for access by a plurality of users and a plurality of experts, the forum having a topic;

receiving first and second questions generated by one or more of the plurality of users, wherein the first question identifies a first expert chosen to answer the first question, and the second question identifies identifies a second expert chosen to answer the second question or identifies no chosen expert to answer the second question;

routing the first question to the first chosen expert, wherein the first question may be selectively displayed on a personal expert interface of the first chosen expert in a grouping of questions identified as being directed to the first chosen expert;

routing the second question to the second chosen expert when the second chosen question is identified, wherein the second question may be selectively displayed on a

Should the Examiner have any questions, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

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